

## REMARKS

Claims 22-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Wynn et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,971,271). Claims 22, 27, and 31 have been amended. Claims 22-34 are pending.

The Office Action cites the *Wynn* reference as anticipating all the limitations of independent claims 22, 27, and 31. However, the *Wynn* reference fails to teach or disclose several features of the claimed invention, specifically with respect to the video overlay device. Although the *Wynn* reference lists a commercially available video overlay card, the device recited in the presently claimed invention has several novel limitations specific to the present invention that are not taught in the reference.

As the amended claims recited, the video overlay device:

- 1) receives the game image and the player tracking information;
- 2) generates a player tracking information image;
- 3) determines which regions of the game image are not important or essential to game play;
- 4) creates a combined image by overlaying the player tracking information image on these non-essential/important regions of the game image; and
- 5) provide the combined image to the display.

The *Wynn* reference does not teach or show a video overlay device that has these recited limitations. Specifically, no where does it teach a device that determines which regions of the game image are not important or essential to game play. Nor does it teach that this information is used to determine where to insert or overlay player tracking information by the video overlay device.

The claims have been amended to recite that the video overlay display operates between the game electronics (which provides the game image) and the display. They have also been amended to recite that the video overlay device determines which portions of the game image are not important or essential for game play, and uses this information to overlay the player tracking information image.

The claims dependent on claims 22, 27, and 31 are allowable for the same reasons as that of the independent claims.

Reconsideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned at (612) 252-3335.

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